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searches. Among those who will offer courses at the station during the coming session are the following: Trevor Kincaid, professor of zoology, University of Washington; Nathaniel L. Gardner, acting professor of botany, University of California; W. J. Baumgartner, assistant professor of zoology, University of Kansas; Geo. B. Riggs, assistant professor of botany, University of Washington; W. L. Moodie, instructor in botany, Bellingham State Normal School; F. A. Hartman, instructor in zoology, Seattle High School. For those wishing to investigate the marine fauna and flora of the northwest coast the Puget Sound Marine Station, located in the midst of a picturesque archipelago of rocky islands, offers an unsurpassed opportunity. Further information with regard to the station will be supplied by the director, Professor Trevor Kincaid, University of Washington, Seattle, Wash.

#### UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS

JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY has received an offer of \$250,000 from the General Education Board for the purpose of aiding the university in its efforts to put into operation certain extensions and improvements that have been under consideration for several years, including the erection of new buildings on the Homewood site. This sum will be contributed conditional on the raising of a supplementary sum of \$750,000 by the university by December 31, 1910. The university, however, is endeavoring to raise \$2,000,000, half for new buildings, while the other \$1,000,000 will be used for endowment. Among the extensions contemplated are a school of engineering; a law school; a training school for teachers; a department of preventive medicine, and a building for pathology.

A JOINT hearing on the bills to appropriate \$652,000 for new buildings for the College of Agriculture and \$130,000 for new buildings for the Veterinary College at Cornell University was given on April 5 by the finance committee of the senate and the ways and means committee of the assembly. Thirty-six persons spoke in favor of the bills and nobody appeared in opposition to them. From

the standpoint of the colleges addresses were given by Acting Director H. J. Webber, Dr. V. A. Moore and Director L. H. Bailey. The hearing was closed by President Schurman's address summarizing the argument.

DR. CHEESMAN A. HERRICK, formerly principal of the William Penn high school for girls, was installed as president of Girard College on April 2.

DR. ALBERT E. GIESCKE, an American and a graduate of Cornell University in political science, has been elected rector of the University of Cuzco, Peru. This university was founded by a papal decree of 1692. Dr. Giescke went there as a member of the faculty in 1908.

At Stanford University appointments have been made as follows: E. W. Ponzzer, of the University of Illinois, assistant professor of applied mathematics; Hans Zinsser, instructor in bacteriology in Columbia University, associate professor of bacteriology; Frank P. Blaisdell, assistant professor of anatomy; David M. Folsom, assistant professor of mining; Galen H. Clevenger, assistant professor of metallurgy; Rufus C. Bentley and Lewis M. Terman, assistant professors of education. As instructors have been appointed Perley A. Ross, in physics, and George F. McEwen, in applied mathematics. The following promotions have been made: George C. Price, now associate professor, to be professor of zoology; George J. Peirce, now associate professor, to be professor of botany; William A. Hillebrand, now instructor in electrical engineering, to be assistant professor; Royce R. Long, now instructor in physical training, to be assistant professor; Luther W. Bahnay, now instructor in metallurgy, to be assistant professor.

#### DISCUSSION AND CORRESPONDENCE

##### THE GERM THEORY OF DISEASE

IN SCIENCE for April 1, p. 500, Dr. Fielding H. Garrison has pointed out the true author of the germ theory. We can readily accept this until an earlier author is discovered by some one. Knowledge in most cases seems to